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EMBASSY'S POINT ON NEED FOR EARLY COORDINATION OF U.S.
ACTIVITIES IN LEGAL EXCHANGE FIELD IS WELL TAKEN. WE HAVE
NOT YET UNDERTAKEN SUCH AN EFFORT BECAUSE IT IS STILL TOO
EARLY. WHEN AND IF THE ABA PROPOSAL FOR AN EXCHANGE WITH
THE SOVIETS GETS OFF THE GROUND WE AT THAT TIME WILL BEGIN
CLOSE SCRUTINY OF SOVIET IMPLEMENTATION TO ENSURE THAT OUR
SCHOLARS IN THE SOVIET UNION RECEIVE SAME PRIVILEGES AS DO
SOVIETS HERE. IREX, AS THE ORGANIZER OF THE BINATIONAL
COMMISSION'S MEETINGS ON LEGAL OR QUASI-LEGAL SUBJECTS, CAN
BE COUNTED ON TO COOPERATE WITH US IN THIS EFFORT. WE AT
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AN APPROPRIATE TIME WILL ALSO CHECK WITH HARVARD RE THE
STUDY PROGRAM FOR VLASIKHIN (STATE 237921, REFERRED TO IN
REFTEL) FOR ITS POSSIBLE USE AS A-PRECEDENT AND BARGAINING
CHIP IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS OVER STUDY
PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUNG LAWYERS IN THE SOVIET UNION.
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